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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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FOR: MUTANT ILVH GENE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-VALINE

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated May 29, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendment appears on page 5 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this response.